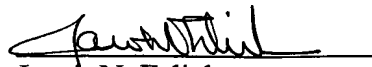




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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER CFR 1.116 TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION **AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 30, 2004, please enter this Amendment and Response together with the Request for Continued Examination. A petition for an extension of time under CFR 1.136(a), including the appropriate fees, are provided herewith. It is believed that the Amendment and Response places this application in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.